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Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS
(DOE/EIS-0285/SA-207 Hanford-Ostrander {mile 78-126}) **Project No. V-R-04/09**

TO: Elizabeth Johnson
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Proposed Action: Vegetation Management for the Hanford-Ostrander 500 kV transmission line corridor, structures 78/1 to 126/1.

Location: Project location is in the BPA Redmond Region in Klickitat County, Washington.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposal: BPA proposes to clear unwanted vegetation from the rights of way and access roads for the Hanford-Ostrander transmission line corridor that can potentially interfere with the operation, maintenance, and reliability of the transmission lines. The project encompasses the entire right of way width for all BPA transmission lines in the right of way corridor.

Analysis: A checklist was completed for this project in accordance with the requirements identified in the Bonneville Power Administrations Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285). The checklist evaluated the following areas:

- *Description of right-of-way and vegetation management needed*
- *Vegetation to be controlled*
- *Surrounding land use and landowners*
- *Natural Resources*
- *Vegetation control methods*
- *Debris disposal*
- *Monitoring*
- *Appropriate environmental documentation*

Findings: This Supplement Analysis finds that 1) the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285) and ROD, and; 2) there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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Attachment

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